

AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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101. (Currently Amended) An absorbent composition, comprising:

particles of an absorbent material suitable for use as an animal litter, ~~and~~
~~particles of activated carbon;~~ and

odor-absorbing particles of activated alumina having pores and fissures wherein the porous and fissurous structure of the alumina provides odor absorption,

the activated alumina particles being dry mixed with the particles of absorbent material, said activated alumina particles being selected based on a particle size and density of the absorbent material such that segregation of the activated alumina in the composition is minimized ~~and activated carbon,~~

wherein the activated alumina particles are colored and are present in an amount of about 0.01% to about 50% by weight based on a total weight of the composition.

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115. (Currently Amended) The absorbent composition recited in claim ~~114~~ 101 wherein a color altering agent provides the color to the activated alumina and wherein the presence of the color altering agent does not substantially diminish the odor absorption capability of the activated alumina.

116. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 115, wherein the color altering agent is selected from the group consisting of dyes and pigments.

117. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 116, wherein the dye is selected from the group consisting of anthraquinone, quinoline, monoazo and polymeric dyes.

118. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the activated alumina particles are in the 1-2mm size range.

119. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, further comprising an antimicrobial material.

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121. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the composition is capable of clumping upon wetting.

122. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the absorbent material suitable for use as an animal litter comprises a clay.

123. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the absorbent material comprises a cellulosic material.

124. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 122, wherein the clay is a bentonite clay.

125. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 124, wherein the bentonite clay is sodium bentonite.

126. (Previously Presented) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the activated alumina particles are present in an amount of 0.1% to 15% by weight based on a total weight of the composition.

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